

## AGENDA



Thursday, April 5, 2007

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 16

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**Subject:** Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with ABEAM CONSULTING (USA) LTD., Irving, TX, for the purchase of data conversion services, software installation, and training in an amount not to exceed \$69,600.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget for Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Art Acuña, Buyer II/512-322-6307

**Purchasing Language:** Best evaluated proposal of two proposals received.

**MBE/WBE:** This purchase will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

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This contract is to upgrade Austin Energy's (AE) Work Management System (STORMS) to the most recent 3.6.2 supported version. STORMS is AE's construction work management software system used to manage work crews and materials for electric service delivery/distribution construction jobs.

This upgrade will provide enhanced functionality and will:

1. improve internal and external Customer Service/Satisfaction;
2. keep pace with the evolution of the STORMS product in order to continue to receive Logica CMG maintenance and support;
3. provide a tool for Austin Energy's Property Management to record and store easements;
4. incorporate Network Construction Standards for design and construction activities for capturing cost estimates and reports; and
5. decommission the previous work management system.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Three notices were sent. There are no known MBEs/WBEs available for these services. Three solicitations were issued. Two proposals were received.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Best evaluated proposal.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the internet.